

A MEETING OF THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008 AT 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Carroll, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Elizabeth Coyle.

OTHERS: James Garner, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Utz moved to approve with the February 14th meeting minutes with changes, Mrs. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

BIDS:

Item #1 - Open Bids for Basin 18

Mr. Christmas opened the following bids he stated that the engineers estimated it at \$1.2M:

MAC	\$873,207.00
Team Contracting	\$913,000.00
Smith Contractors	\$1,526,900.00
Mitchell & Stark Construction	\$1,198,104.95
Lykns Construction	\$1,107,229.10
Schroeder Construction	\$1,231,804.00
Sedam Contracting	\$1,089,875.00
TSI Paving	\$833,287.86
Reynolds	\$1,631,400.00
Dan Christianai Excavating	\$1,017,454.46
Bryan Stumler Excavating	\$918,081.00
Pace Contracting	\$1,000,000.00
Coffman Construction	\$744,428.50
Excel Excavating	\$1,023,921.70

Mr. Christmas recommended that the board take these under advisement to give him time to review for responsiveness.

Mrs. Coyle asked that he review the approach of the bid to see why there is such a variance in the bids.

Mr. Christmas stated that he usually looks closest at the three lowest bids and goes over the specs with the lowest bidder to be sure that they completely understood the project.

Mrs. Coyle made a motion to take these under advisement, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

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SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Mrs. Welsh presented an adjustment for Candise Weiglib who had a leak outside the house and they were billed for the leak. She stated that they provided plumbing documentation that verified that there was a leak and she would recommend an adjustment in the amount of \$941.49.

MR. Utz moved to approve the \$941.49, Mrs. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Carroll asked about the gentleman that they had discussed last week and asked if he had paid the \$774.00

Ms. Welsh stated that he has not paid up on this and he has not returned her calls. She stated that she has made three telephone calls to Jack Hunter and has no response. She explained that she would send out a letter now since she has been unable to reach him on the phone and she would keep them posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Billie Stuart, Georgetown Town Board re: Georgetown Contract.

Mr. Stuart, Georgetown Town Council, addressed the board regarding the contract the sewer utility has with Georgetown that will end in February 2009 and he asked that it be extended for an additional 12 months.

Mr. Utz stated that when they negotiated this contract they gave them more time than what they originally asked for.

Mr. Stuart stated that was true but they have had several things happen to hinder the progress of this project. He stated that there was a road that needed to be built prior to the beginning of the construction that has not been started yet and they are still working on their bonding to pay for the plant. He informed the board that the town board is a whole new group of people than who they negotiated with before and they are trying to pick up where the old council left off, but that they are finding that they did not get much accomplished prior to leaving.

Mrs. Coyle made a motion to table this for two week so that she can review it,

Mr. Utz stated that the contract does not end February 2009 the city of Georgetown just goes from a wholesale to retail customer.

Mr. Stuart stated that this will cause the bills of the Georgetown customers to go up by \$60 - \$70 a month.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the hurdles that the town is trying to overcome in order to build their plant and the history of the case between New Albany and Georgetown.

Mr. Carroll stated that he does not see why they cannot hold off on extending this until November or December and then they could come back and review where they are.

Mr. Buchanan stated that they could also increase their bonding to include the costs that they would have to pay and they could spread the increases over a longer period of time and spare the customer such high bills.

Mr. Stuart stated that they are bonded out.

Mrs. Coyle asked that if they had a project schedule to show when they plan to have this completed, because she doesn't feel comfortable giving them an extension until she sees that.

Mr. Stuart stated that they do not but he will request one and get that to them as soon as possible.

Item #2 - Boyce Adams re: \$3,000 sewer bill

Mr. Adams addressed the board and stated that he needs their help and he has concerns about the contract with Indiana American. He stated that in December he received a letter from Indiana American stating that he owed about \$3,000 in sewer bills because they had not billed him for this.

Mr. Carroll asked if he could set up a payment plan and asked what he could handle.

Mr. Adams stated that he was not sure.

Mrs. Coyle stated that she felt this was a unique situation.

Mrs. Welsh stated that this has happened on several other occasions and she has informed them that they need to contact Indiana American to set up a payment plan.

Mrs. Coyle asked if he could handle a 12 month payment plan.

Mr. Adams stated that he makes \$34,000 a year and has 4 kids.

Mrs. Coyle asked if he could handle 24 months at \$125 per month.

Mr. Adams stated that he believes that would work.

Mr. Coyle moved to approve the payment plan of 24 months at \$125, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Welsh informed Mr. Adams that he would need to call Indiana American and set that up and that she would confirm with them that they had approved a 24 month payment plan because they typically only do 12 month plans.

Item #3 - Gary Brinkworth re: Credits for Wexford Subdivision

Mr. Sprigler stated that Mr. Brinkworth was on his way. He had received credits for 13 condominiums for a total of 3,900 credits and now needs the board to sign off on the plat.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Donohue re: Project Update

Paul Elling reviewed his report with the board. Said report is on file with the City Clerk's office. He asked if the board would want to go for quotes or bids for the Strainer project. He stated that the cost is going to be much less than what they originally thought it was going to be.

Mr. Utz asked what the pros and cons were for going for quotes or bids.

Mr. Elling stated that there weren't really any but that bids are a little more extensive than getting quotes.

Mr. Carroll stated that they would just go with quotes.

Mr. Elling asked if they wanted a time period for when they want those quotes.

Mr. Carroll stated that whenever he gets the quotes just call and get it on the agenda.

Mr. Elling stated that the 15th Street project is moving forward.

Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update

Mr. Christmas asked if anyone had any questions concerning the report that was in their packet.

Mrs. Coyle stated that she did not like the wording in the contracts that gives contractors 30 days to seed after construction.

Mr. Christmas stated that the way it works is that the substantial completion is the date that the pipe has to be in the ground functioning and the final completion date is thirty days later, which means all restoration and all other work has to be completed.

Mrs. Coyle stated that is much too long to wait to get the grass growing after construction has been completed and that is what happened on the last project.

Mr. Carroll stated that they have to take the weather conditions into consideration and they can't just throw seed down on ice or muddy ground.

Mrs. Coyle stated that she is aware that they have to take that into consideration but there are other construction sites that have been able to seed the area regardless of the weather. She stated that Mr. Christmas knows that this issue is something she wants to monitor closely because it is an IDEM issue and they can get fined for it because the number one pollutant to water is sediment. She stated that they need to be a little more specific with regards to this in the contracts to say that it needs to be done as soon as possible after construction has been completed.

Mr. Christmas stated that the completion date on the Force Main Project is March 4th, but the asphalt plant that they typically use is not yet open and he is requesting for an extension to pave the trench and they believe it will be less expensive and they will get a better product if they wait.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to give a two week extension, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor except Mrs. Coyle who abstained.

EMC REPORT:

Independent Back Up Float Control Project

Both the 10th St. and Charlestown lift stations have had the independent back up float system installed. These systems have been tested and are operating properly. The next phase of the project is the Intermediate Pump Station (IPS) located at the WWTP. The estimated cost of the IPS phase is \$18,000 this \$4,500 higher than the previous two phases due to the complexity of the programming. The programming has been installed and the float system is currently being installed

Sanitary Sewer Overflows of 12-15-07 and 2-6-08

EMC has completed an investigation of the upstream system and downstream system of the overflow sites with emphasis on CCTV and cleaning the downstream gravity relief sewer installed 2002 and 2003. EMC has turned the CCTV information over to Clark Dietz for their review. The reported SSO at 1658 Terry Lane has turned out to be a discharge line from a sump pump. EMC will be contacting the property owner to determine if the sump system is a dedicated ground water system.

Approval for Odor Control Products

Source Technologies delivered their products and the odor control systems are in operation. Odor loggers are installed and monitoring the effectiveness of the products.

Laboratory Building

The Lab Building has several leaks in the roof and will need to be replaced. EMC will be getting quotes to replace the roof in the next few days. We have been patching the roof for the last couple of years but with the age of the roof it will need to be replaced.

NFPA 70E Arc Flash

Peyton Technical Services has begun the WWTP data collection phase of the electrical arc safety requirements. This phase will enable Peyton to model the power distribution system and distribution interconnections.

CLAIMS:

Donohue & Associates		
Wastewater Master Plan	Invoice No. 11258	\$1,241.20
Wastewater Strainer	Invoice No. 11339	\$4,042.85
15 th Street Project	Invoice No. 11198	\$2,450.00
Lipps Paving		
Lateral Repair	Invoice	\$1,200.00
Verizon Wireless- Garner	Invoice	\$168.92
Clark-Dietz		
Robert E. Lee Projects	Invoice No. 400682	\$15,747.17
Basin 18 Relief Interceptor	Invoice No. 400683	\$2,120.00
Basin 35 Interceptor Phase 1	Invoice No. 400684	\$3,270.00
Basin 35 Interceptor RPR Services	Invoice No. 400685	\$12,511.50
Basin 35 Phases 11 and 111	Invoice No. 400686	\$6,900.00
FC/ Soil and Water Conservation	Review and Inspection Fee	\$600.00
TSI Paving		
REL Force Main	Invoice #5	\$30,376.99
MAC Construction & Excavating		
Robert E Lee Pump Station	Invoice #5	\$51,176.50
Team Contracting		
Basin 35 Phase 1	Invoice #5	\$73,852.74
TOTALS		\$131,805.04

Mr. Carroll asked if they were going to discontinue the phone payment for James Garner.

Mr. Dixon said yes.

Mr. Utz moved to approve as submitted, Mrs. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Carroll asked Ms. Wisman when the packets are ready.

Ms. Wisman stated that they are ready the Monday before the meeting.

Mr. Carroll asked everyone the best way to get their packets.

Mr. Utz stated that he would pick his up.

Mrs. Coyle stated that email is the best way for her.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Carroll, Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk